The Secretary of Transportation  
Washington, D.C. 20590  

April 11, 2006  

The Honorable Don Young  
Chairman  
Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515  

Dear Mr. Chairman:  

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Sincerely yours,  

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Norman Y. Mineta  

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United States Senate
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* The funding levels in this column equal the totals authorized in SAFETEA-LU section 1301, however, the funding is subject to obligation limitation set in annual Appropriations Acts.